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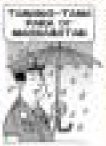
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**RP team returns**
to Senior League World Series in style




## Sona protesters ready for rain, water cannons

By Blanche S. Rivera



THE GOVERNMENT may not need 10,000 police personnel to clear the streets, after all. Typhoon "Glenda"

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## GMA approval rating up to 26%, survey shows

WHEN PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO delivers her sixth State of the Nation Address today, she is politically stronger than she was a year ago.

Last year, Ms Arroyo was reeling from the "Hello Garci" tapes that purportedly showed she stole the 2004 presidential election, and the resignation of key Cabinet officials who had

GMA A8

# GMA in triumphal mood

## President delivers Sona today, confident she's over the hump

By Christine O. Avendaño and Juliet Labog-Javellana

WITH HER WORST POLITICAL CRISIS BEHIND HER, PRESident Macapagal-Arroyo will outline in her sixth State of the Nation Address today the achievements of her administration and a roadmap to lift Filipinos from poverty and bring the nation to prosperity.

The nationally televised speech at the opening of the third regular session of the 13th Congress will reflect the President's "triumphal mood," Rep. Joey Salceda said over the weekend. She will assume the role of a "CEO reporting to a board of directors."

The President will focus on "bread and butter issues"—the things that she "cares about most," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye. "It will be about what the people want: A clear economic direction for the nation and a plan detailing how we are going to get there."

"Her vision is to bring the Philippines to First World status, something like Malaysia," said one Palace source, who reported that Ms Arroyo herself was working on her address on her laptop computer.

The President's chief of staff, Michael Defensor, and jobs czar Arthur Yap were standing by her as she prepared her address. It was not expected to be finalized until shortly before delivery, the source said.

"She's confident that she is over the

GMA A19

THE STATE OF THE NATION

## Economy: Rising prices, few jobs, shallow growth

By Cielito F. Habito
Inquirer columnist

(Last of a three-part series)

I-TEAM Report
Fernando del Mundo
Chief

AS PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO delivers her annual State of the Nation Address (Sona) today, the state of the economy, as usual, looms large in the overall picture.

While economists seem the logical people to ask about this—as I have been repeatedly asked by those in media since last week—ultimately, the best judge would be the ordinary Filipino. After all, people make up a nation; the state of the nation therefore boils down to the state of the people.

To best assess the state of the nation in general and of the economy in particular, one must look at the picture from the viewpoint of the ordinary citizen. And here, I constantly point out that among the array of economic data reported to us by the government, the ordinary Filipino really cares about only three indicators that directly affect his daily life—presyo (prices), hanapbuhay (jobs) and kita (income).

ECONOMY A18



BACK FROM BEIRUT. Lolita Alba (right) hugs her mother Marcia Ilusyo upon her arrival at Villamor Air Base yesterday, together with over 200 overseas Filipino workers.

## 232 Pinoys back home, bare ordeal

By Nikko Dizon, Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk
and Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

MORE THAN 200 OF THEM FINALLY came home yesterday, bearing tales of how their buildings shook under the Israeli bombing of Lebanon and of how other Filipinos could not leave because their employers refused to let them go and took them up to the mountains.

One returning young woman, in her 20s, was in a daze when she got off the plane at Villamor Air Base in Pasay City. She was taken immediately to a hospital. The talk among the other returnees on the plane was that she had been raped in Beirut.

As the first batch of 232 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) from war-battered Lebanon flew back to the Philippines, a Filipino domestic worker sent a text message to the Inquirer from the Lebanese city of Jounieh: "Please, get us out of here!"

The worker, Florelie Rubio-Lara, was among those left behind.

Reached through a mobile phone that she said she had borrowed, Lara told the Inquirer that she and about 20 other Filipinos had been trapped in a building in Jounieh outside Beirut for the past two weeks and could not get out.

President Macapagal-Arroyo and their relatives welcomed back the 232 Filipinos, including two children and two infants, who represented the initial

232 PINOYS A8

## Public mood to indicate nation's state

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO DElivers her State of the Nation Address (Sona) today amid a false sense of political calm, providing a stark contrast to the turbulent events that have swirled around the contentious 2004 election.

As the President enters the midpoint of her elected term, she is, for the first time since 2004, not facing the imminent threat of being unseated, unlike in July a year ago.

Although the legitimacy issue over the 2004 election results continues to stalk her administration, it is undeniable that the country is not today in an acute crisis mode as it had been during the past three years.

On July 18 a year ago, three weeks be-

PUBLIC A18



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo warmly receives the returning Filipino workers, including Christina Ablaya and her 2-month-old son Gabriel Arthur.

## Center offers RP 'cultural caregiving'

By Jerry E. Esplanada

SEOUL—SHE IS A LIVING EXAMPLE OF what diplomats call "Pinoy culture at its best," the kind of overseas Filipino worker likely to boost the Philippines' image as a land of caring people.

Visiting Presidential Adviser on Culture and the Arts Cecile Guidote-Alvarez and Philippine Ambassador Susan O. Castrence were referring to Emie Habado, a 37-year-old Filipino-Korean housewife who has become a source of inspiration for the large Filipino community in South Korea.

Habado was recently cited by the Korean government for her "devotion to her 99-year-old Korean mother-in-law," who has been suffering from total paralysis and hypertension since 2000.

No less than President Roh Moo-hyun came to see Habado at her family's home in Chungcheon gun in north Chungcheong province to greet her, according to the Korea Times.

During the visit, Roh "encouraged (Habado) to have courage to overcome any hardship" she may encounter.

Habado, who has been looking after her mother-in-law for the past seven years, came to South Korea 13 years ago to marry Kang Pong-sik, a laborer.

Alvarez and Castrence spoke about Habado to the Inquirer during the recent opening of the Philippine-Korean Cultural House (PKCH) here.

At the opening of the cultural house,

CENTER A7

## Tales of cheating cast doubt on nursing exams

By Christian V. Esguerra

ONE EXAMINEE GOT ALL THE "ANswers" to the test questions just hours after the conclusion of the controversial nursing licensure exams on June 12.

Lined up at an Italian fast-food restaurant in a Quezon City mall, he was shown a handwritten copy of the supposed "answers" to all the 500 questions.

Introducing himself as another examinee, the stranger, still wearing his white nursing uniform, confessed to getting the "leak" three days earlier from his school in Sampaloc, Manila.

"Which correct answers would you like to find out?" the stranger asked the dumbfounded examinee, leafing through his copy.

Another examinee was told that in Batangas, a CD supposedly containing similar leakage was being sold for P7,000 each.

Of the the 42,006 nursing graduates who took the board exams, 17,821, or 42 percent, passed, according to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

Shortly after the official results were released last week, a woman who took the exams stormed the PRC office.

She couldn't believe how her seatmate, who didn't show up on the second day of the exams, passed. The seatmate missed at least two of the five tests given during the two-day exam, she protested.

In a prominent nursing college in Manila, at least seven passers curiously got identical 75-percent ratings in each of the five tests. Statistically probable, but highly unlikely, their peers said.

But they also wondered: Could it be that scores had been manipulated on top of the reported leakage?

Stories of cheating—big and

TALES A8

WEATHER FORECAST

# Second FRONTPAGE

## All classes suspended due to storm, Sona

# Cops, activists pledge peaceful Sona rallies

WITH A FORCE ROUGHLY equal to a third of the full complement of the Philippine National Police in Metro Manila, cops and soldiers in full riot gear will face-off with thousands of demonstrators opposed to President Macapagal-Arroyo in and around the metropolis today.

### Police guard up

### Protest convoy blocked



# "So What If I'm 43?"

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> **"When I saw myself in the mirror after, I just saw the difference! I felt so relaxed and I had this glow on my face. I've decided that Facial Care is going to be my second home!"**

# Fill empty Batasan seats, GMA backers told

By Michael Lim Ubac





## Japan joins ceasefire monitors in Mindanao



### The Daily Gospel

# 232 Pinoys back home, bare ordeal



*In Life, there are no small roles;*
*only small actors, each with a role*
*to play; each with a purpose*
*for living. The important thing*
*is we play our part well.*

*St. Thérèse of Lisieux,*
*my favorite saint, did ordinary*
*things in an extraordinary way.*
*She prepared well for her death*
*by simply living a good life for God.*

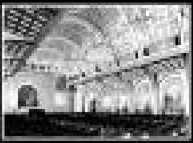
*Inspired by her, I share*
*Magnificat Ventures' vision*
*for St. Thérèse Columbarium's role*
*in giving comfort from life's thorns*
*by providing the most ideal sanctuary*
*for the eternal repose of our*
*dearly departed.*

*No ordinary feat here on earth,*
*but just the same, rendered*
*with extraordinary sincerity.*

***BOOTS ANSON-ROA***
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# Center offers Pinoy 'cultural caregiving'



## Home to 50,000 Pinoys

## Use of Internet

## Cultural advance

## Pinoys fought in Korea

# Sona protesters ...

### Indoor rally

# Tales of cheating cast doubt ...

### Clear the air

### More serious

### Strong connections

### Haste

### Protect integrity of test

### Appalled

# GMA approval rating up to 26%, survey shows

### Boosting visibility

### Strategy paying off

### Catholic Church

# A$10-M Aussie fund to fight terror

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## Peace and order

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## Dialogue

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## Procedures

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# DOLE: C. Visayas got most new jobs

By Jerome Aning

CENTRAL VISAYAS posted the highest employment growth rate among the 16 regions of the country in the first four months of the year, the Department of Labor and Employment said Friday.

Citing the recent Labor Force Survey, Secretary Arturo Brion said Central Visayas, where the economically vibrant Metro Cebu is located, posted 139,000 new jobs—a 6.65 percent increase—in the first trimester of 2006.

As of April, the total number of jobs in the region—composed of the provinces of Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental and Siquijor—was 2.039 million compared to 1.9 million in the same period last year.

Brion called the growth "remarkable as it indicates the success of dispersing industries and encouraging growth in job-friendly investments in the regions."

"The (high) employment growth in the Central Visayas... indicates that employment growth is possible outside of the Metro Manila and Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) areas in focus," he said.

## Influence

He said the increase in employment in Central Visayas influenced three nearby Visayas regions where jobs increased by a total of 193,000 as of last April.

Brion said the rising employment rate was "indispensable to the DOLE's strategic thrust to build a gainfully employed, globally competitive, secure and safe Filipino workforce, in consonance with the national interest."

Jobs growth in the Central Visayas and other regions, he added, were an important part of the effort of President Macapagal-Arroyo to develop the Visayas "super region" of the country.

The DOLE's regional offices in the Visayas, meanwhile, have continued to pursue the department's thrust of ensuring the provision of "safety nets" for workers, through employment facilitation undertaken mainly by the Public Employment Service Offices (Peso).




Government Warning: Cigarette sm




moking is dangerous to your health.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
OPINION

# In the rut

EDITORIAL




# Fairy tales at today's Sona

AS I SEE IT

*Neal H. Cruz*

# Straight from the horse's mouth

THERE'S THE RUB

*Conrado de Quiros*

# Ombudsman vs commissioners

SOUNDING BOARD

*Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.*



# 'Nabubulok' and 'Hindi Nabubulok'

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

*Carlos Isagani T. Zarate*



# Roll out the barrel

THE LONG VIEW

*Manuel L. Quezon III*



# Social accountability, stronger democracy

COMMENTARY

*Sixto Donato C. Macasaet*

# Calderon not the problem

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LETTERS

## Look outside the box, sugar industry told

[illegible]

## Breastfeeding always the best

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## Better way to spend zoo money

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## No contract signed, no commission given

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# Villar has Estradas' votes all sewn up in Senate

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## Call on Erap

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## Big plus

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# Public mood to indicate nation's state

### Standoff

### Depoliticize Sona

### No qualms

### Iron hand

# 3 'ordinary people' to share Sona limelight

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

# Economy: Rising prices, few jobs, shallow growth

### Elusive jobs

### Low quality growth

### Relevant questions

# CBCP head unruffled by charges of involvement in coup plot



MEMBERS of the PNP Special Action Force alight from a truck at the Batasan complex to beef up security for the President's State of the Nation Address today.

# GMA in triumphal mood for Sona

### Reconciliation unlikely

### OFW remittances

### Rosy figures

### Buoyed by recent surveys



A POLICEMAN inspects a congressman's car as it enters the Batasang Pambansa complex. Security was tightened in the legislative building for today's State of the Nation Address by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Across the NATION

# 300 families displaced by tribal war



## 2 radio men nabbed

### No permit

### Gun-poking

# Aeta leader latest fatality in attacks on leftists



**CHECKING FOR CHANGES**
Employees of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology collect ashes scattered by Mayon volcano to determine any changes in their composition.

## DENR exec gets threats from illegal logging ring

## Couple nabbed for illegal recruitment in Mindanao





# Leave landslide-prone areas, Negros folk urged

# Pangasinan LGUs, fisherfolk sign pact to save Lingayen Gulf

### Netherlands support

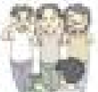
### Environmentally critical



EARTHQUAKE DRILL

## ROUNDUP

### Reward for info on killer

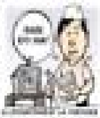


### Bomb scare in Lipa

### 3 arrested at checkpoint

### 3 bodies retrieved

### Wrong notions



### Water project nod

# Protect Visayan Sea, 2 lawyers tell Iloilo board

# Century-old cannon on Lubang Island missing

# 3 get life term for killing of public school principal

# Sick people go to 'risen' boy in Albay for healing



ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT



# WB gives equipment grants to help reduce ozone-depleting substances

# Farmers hold ritual to reopen road

# Lack of medicine plagues new hospital in Quezon

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NEWS

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PURPOSE Best-selling author of "The Purpose Driven Life" Rick Warren talks about his PEACE plan during a press briefing at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel in Mandaluyong City yesterday.

# God has purpose for OFWs, asserts top-selling author

By Blanche S. Rivera

THEY MIGHT BE TRAPPED IN BACK-BREAKING WORK AND caught up in the middle of turmoil abroad, but overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) are at the center of God's purpose for the Philippines, according to the author of the bestseller "The Purpose Driven Life."

Rick Warren, who arrived in Manila yesterday for the Philippine launch of the Global PEACE Plan, hailed OFWs as the modern "Josephs" who have been placed in strategic places to provide blessings for their families and the people of other countries.

"I don't know a people so spread out all over the world as Filipinos," Warren said in a press conference yesterday.

The biblical Joseph, son of Jacob, was sold as a slave to the house of the Egyptian pharaoh. Through diligence and faith, he was able to work his way up to become the most trusted and important leader of Egypt who was used by God to save his family and Israel from famine.

## Like missionaries

"God has placed overseas Filipino workers in the homes of the most influential people in the world. They are like missionaries. God wants to use you to bless other nations," Warren said.

Warren recounted the story of a Filipino baker who had been working for the leader of an Islamic nation for 13 years. The king, whom Warren did not name, came to the baker and offered to double his salary if he converted to Islam.

The Filipino, however, declined, saying that he already had a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The king asked him why he was serving (the Muslim leader so well), and the OFW answered, "Because of my love for the Lord. Jesus tells me to love my neighbor as myself, so I do, and I do everything with excellence."

Despite being turned down, the king still doubled the baker's salary.

## Christ's love

"That baker did what I in my capacity as a pastor cannot do officially which is to speak about Christ's love to a Muslim king," Warren said.

"The message of God for the Philippines is not just for this country but for the world. When God touches this country, He's also touching the whole world," he said.

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## The Philippines's year

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# Aplus METRO




# More 'e-libraries' set in Quezon City

## 22 public schools to have 'unlimited, easy, fast access' to information

By DJ Yap



BREAK TIME

## Makati to start testing babies in lying-in clinics

By Jocelyn R. Uy

## DepEd probes girl's death

By Alcuin Papa

# Mahal Ko, Bayan Ko

Sa isip, sa salita at sa gawa

- Our country is moving forward.
  Let us not get in the way of our own progress.
  The sacrifices we make for our country today
  will outlive any government.

- We appeal for a stop of all acts
  that divide our people and
  that waste our time and resources.

- NO to non-stop fault-finding.
  NO to any form of power grab.
  YES to constructive fiscalizing.
  YES to actions that inspire hope.
  YES to celebrating our achievements.

- Magkaisa tayo. Sa tulong ng Diyos, kaya natin ito.

**Tama Na ang Gulo! Let's Move On!**

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# Two COPS share common dream

#### Act of kindness

#### War on corruption

#### No rewards, please

#### She only wanted a gun

#### Crackdown on gangs

#### PMA graduate

#### Nemesis of kidnappers





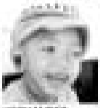
BEST COPS Gido (left) and Iglesia

## DID YOU KNOW

# Crimes down in eastern Metro

## METRO BRIEFS

3 robbers killed



HERNANDEZ

Boy needs P4,000

Two . . .

July 24, 2006

HER EXCELLENCY GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
*President*
*Republic of the Philippines*

Dear Madam President;

In the light of your State of the Nation Address (SONA), we would like to express our full support to your call for unity and personal sacrifice in order to promote the greater common good.

For our part, we have taken the initiative of belt tightening in the midst of the continued increase in oil prices. We have opted to explore all means to cut cost in order to survive during these difficult times. Government assistance to cushion the impact of high fuel prices is critical.

While there is a lot of room for improvement in the systems and processes, as well as in the delivery of public service, we see that all these are being addressed. Under the able leadership of DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza and LTFRB Chairperson Ma. Elena Bautista, but more importantly, with Your Excellency's continued support and guidance, we are confident that the age-old problems besetting the land transport industry will be resolved.

We appreciate Your Excellency's efforts in helping the land transport industry address rising overhead cost. With Secretary Leandro Mendoza and Chairperson Ma. Elena Bautista at the helm, rest assured that we are UNITED behind your programs and policies.

MORE POWER AND GOD BLESS!

Very Truly Yours,

# TO ALL GOOD FILIPINOS: THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING the IRR of the MILK CODE!

*"In our personal capacity, and for the good of the nation and our children, we support the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of EO 51, the National Milk Code, and pertinent International Commitments. Our obligation to our children and their future is paramount and imperative."* A Statement made by the following:





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*This is a part of 560 signatures by doctors, lawyers, 80 NGOs, mothers and Filipinos from all walks of life in support of the revised IRR.*

CERTIFICATE

## If it is good enough for Baby Jesus, It is good enough for your baby.





Layout approved by Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, October 21, 2006



Children for Breastfeeding, Inc.



OUTDOOR THEATER

# Car bomb blasts in Baghdad, Kirkuk kill 60

## Is heat wave in Europe, US climate change?

By Robin Pomeroy



TODDLER ... cools down outside her Sacramento, Calif., home July 23.

## N. Korea's Kim takes new wife



KIM Ok, ... a member of North Korea's delegation to Washington in October 2000.

# Reluctant Bush may need Syria to end Lebanon war



BROKEN pieces of glass adorn an Islamic ornament after an Israeli air raid hit a mosque in the Lebanese city of Sidon July 23. AP







# The WORLD



# Israel punches into south Lebanon as civilians flee

TYRE, LEBANON—ISRAELI WARPLANES BLITZED SOUTHERN AND eastern Lebanon on Sunday after troops in tanks and armored cars punched across the border and seized a village, intensifying the war on Hezbollah despite mounting concern over the plight of civilians.






# SPORTS





# Tigers trip Warriors; Falcons nip Maroons

SANTO TOMAS IS PROVING to be a serious contender in the young UAAP men's basketball season.

# Ginebra sticks with vets

## Sportswatch

### Crack RP judo squad set for Vietnam stint

### Romualdez, Chua top PSA Forum guests

# Pinoy Cuppers unchallenged and unscathed



By Marc Anthony Reyes

WITH FIL-AMERICANS Erik Taino and Cecil Mamiit fulfilling the first of what could be a long-term Davis Cup commitment, the Philippines ripped Iran, 3-0, yesterday to top the Asia Oceania Group III action at the Manila Polo Club.





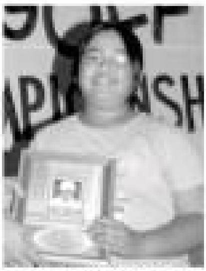
## A tribute and a dead father's cry for justice

BARE EYE



*Recah Trinidad*

# Piccio shines in California



# RP-Air21 bows to HK minus key players

## World Sports

### Jeter, Wang rescue NY Yankees

### Police detonate Nelson package

### Murray can't play Davis Cup

### Campbell targets overseas transfer

### Aussie breaks old swim record

# Roddick, Blake dispute RCA tennis crown

# Zvonareva ousts Williams in Ohio

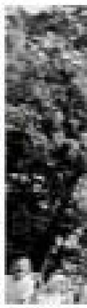
# Arsenal bids star farewell with win



# Landis reclaims

## Only 'crazy finale' can stop Arm

MONTCEAU-LES-MINES, France—Floyd Landis' wild ride through France should end in the sweetest way possible Sunday on the Champs-Elysees—barring a crazy finale and as long as his hip holds out.





ARMSTRONG

# Race chief rues Arm

# Baldomir knocks out Gatti to retain welterweig



ARTURO Gatti falls to the canvas against Carlos Baldomir.



# s Tour top spot

## erican from succeeding Lance



# strong silence

NOTICE

# ght title

# Champ deserves be the next American cycling hero



LANDIS

Metro Pulsan Water District

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

# All-star pack of chasers crowds Tiger

HOYLAKE, ENGLAND—TIGER Woods rapped in a 3-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a 1-under 71 to return to the top the leaderboard at the British Open on Saturday.



TIGER Woods finds himself staring at a slew of worthy contenders.

# Foes out to rip Woods 'home'

# DiMarco sees divine help



DiMARCO: 'Tiger' can be beaten



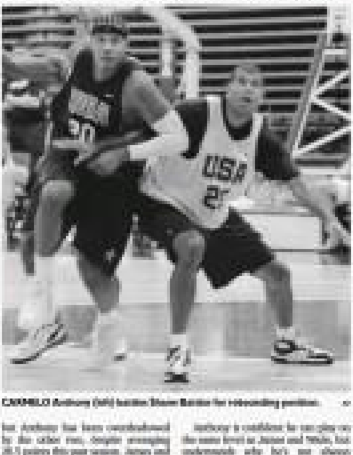
ELS: Hanging around



GARCIA: Chance is there

# Appeals trial in Italian scandal starts

# *Anthony makes a case for himself at Team USA*



CARMELO Anthony (left) battles Shane Battier for rebounding position.

# Ozamiz five scuttles Pagadian, keeps NBC crown

# Back in field of dreams

## Without much fanfare, a bunch of hardy boys return the Philippines to the Senior League World Series in style






ADIDAS REGIONALS

# Backdown, Uproar top Luzon Streetball

# Pimentel, Suede pace Shell chess

# Late burst powers La Tienne to victory



# SPORTS

# Sermona back in hunt for full marathon title

## Tops Bacolod elims; Apuhin wins

By Christian Irl Eto
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

BACOLOD CITY—AFTER TAKING A three-year break from the Milo Marathon, national team member Julius Sermona returned to the national event yesterday with an impressive victory in the men's 21-K race that ended at the Provincial Capitol lines.

The 28-year-old Sermona, who hails from Kinamandan City, clocked 1 hour, 15 minutes and 21 seconds to rule the 11th leg of the nationwide qualifying series over reigning Visayas champion [illegible] Pedrajas and [illegible] of Cadiz City, who timed 1:16:34 and 1:20:44, respectively.

Sermona, who bagged the 5,000-meter silver medal and the 10,000m bronze medal in last December's Southeast Asian Games in Manila, kept Pedrajas company in the first seven kilometers before stepping up his pace.

"I just ran at my own pace because I knew that I could not overdo myself," Sermona, an enlisted man in the Philippine Air Force, said the Ilonggo moments after crossing the finish line.

### Last full marathon

Sermona last won a Milo Marathon leg in 2000 before opting to join the event's 10K mini-events in Metro Manila. It was also the last time he ran the full 42K marathon.

Sharing the limelight with Sermona was [illegible] Apuhin, who ruled the women's side in [illegible] fashion.

The 22-year-old Apuhin, a student of the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, led all the way, clocking 1:36:04.

Apuhin, who topped the Iloilo City elimination leg in 2004 and was third last year, beat Cherry [illegible] of Kinamandan (1:37:23) and Mary Joan Cajanog, also of Bacolod, (1:47:42).

The winners of the men and women's divisions received P10,000 each, while the second and third placers pocketed P5,000 and P4,000, respectively.

All top three finishers in both divisions of the race held in partnership with [illegible], Cebu Pacific, Adidas, Department of Tourism and [illegible] made it to the national finals on Dec. 10 in Manila.

University of St. La Salle student [illegible] topped the men's 5K race with a time of 20 minutes and 10 seconds, while Lyndyn Diaz ruled the women's side with a 22:30 clocking.

Prevailing in the 3K age group races were [illegible] Miranda and [illegible] in the 6-9 age group and [illegible] and [illegible] in the 10-12 category.

The next qualifying leg is set in Davao City on July 30.



RACE winners [illegible] Apuhin and Julius Sermona (third and fourth from left) with (from left) Milo's [illegible], Negros Occidental Basketball Association president Oscar "Dodong" [illegible], Gov. Joseph Marañon, Milo Sports Event executive [illegible] and [illegible] director [illegible].

# Milo Little Olympics to feature 11 events

OVER 7,300 HIGH SCHOOL and elementary student-athletes will dispute the championships in 11 events in the 2006 Milo Little Olympics which get going on Sept. 2-3 and Sept. 9-10 at the Marikina Sports Park in Marikina City and other venues.

Students from schools in the National Capital Region and neighboring provinces will vie for the 1,260 medals (gold, silver and bronze) at stake in the tournament.

Organizers said the events are athletics, badminton, chess, football, gymnastics, lawn tennis, swimming, sepak takraw, table tennis, taekwondo and volleyball.

Registration for the Children's Tennis Workshop organized competitions has started at the [illegible] secretariat inside the Marikina Sports Park.

For inquiries, call the secretariat at [illegible] or the CPW Manila office at [illegible].

# ENTERTAINMENT



MOVIE buffs at the opening day of the 2nd Cinemalaya Film Festival on July 17.

# A happy postscript to Cinemalaya '06

Festival director is proud to report a bigger audience and smoother operations this year



NESTOR JARDIN

By Marinel R. Cruz

"WE LEARNED FROM LAST year's mistakes," declared Nestor Jardin, Cultural Center of the Philippines president and festival director of the recently concluded 2nd Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival.

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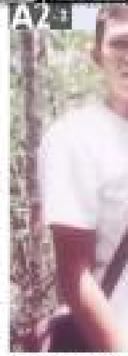
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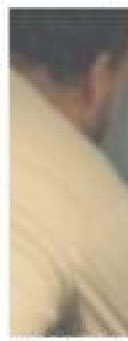
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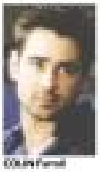
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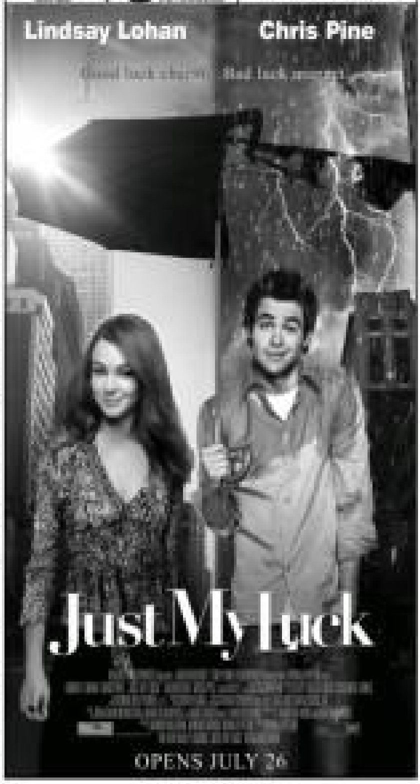
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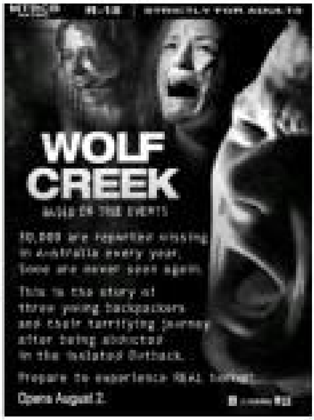
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# In filmmaking, technology is the portal, not the product

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BUSINESS

# PAL sees public offering in the horizon



HANJIN-GRANDSPAN CONTRACT

## Needs to post profit in '07 to meet PSE rule

FLAG CARRIER PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) MAY consider an initial public offering (IPO) in 2008 should it record profits in 2007, PAL president and chief operating officer Jaime Bautista said Friday.

He said proceeds from a possible IPO may be used to trim down the company's debts or fund its fleet expansion.

Since its corporate rehabilitation was filed before the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1999, PAL has cut its total debt to $1.1 billion from $2.3 billion.

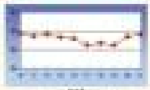
Bautista said PAL registered profits for the second straight

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# Tanduay eyes 10.7% stake in VMC

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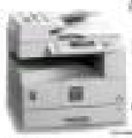
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## *Lending to SMEs increasing*

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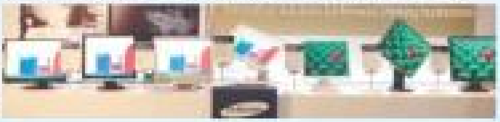
## Taiwanese firm, BCDA cite Poro Point port

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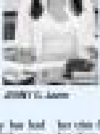
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# Microsoft to arm OFWs with Internet phones

By Erwin Oliva
Contributor



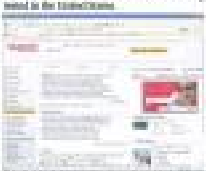
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## *Blog finds Jollibee site's 'tricks'*

By Erwin Oliva
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## Yahoo! eyes bigger RP market share

By Erwin Oliva
INQ7.net



A NEW look for the local version of Yahoo!




# BUSINESS

## IC raises insurance companies' fees, charges

By Michelle P. Remo

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## RP–Taiwan trade up 3.4% from Jan–May

### Export of Philippine goods to Taiwan reached $1.18B

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## DA expects to save ₱60B from water systems repair

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BUSINESS Monday
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino



# Preventing theft: Let us count the ways

LOSSES are painful for retailers, no matter how small they are. If left unchecked, the small losses of today will inevitably lead to substantial losses in the future.






IN SUPERMARKETS, the most pilfered items are milk, personal care items such as deodorants, toothpaste and imported canned goods.

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# Rich but frustrated? Turn to Rick Warren for guidance

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# Mobile innovation contest launched

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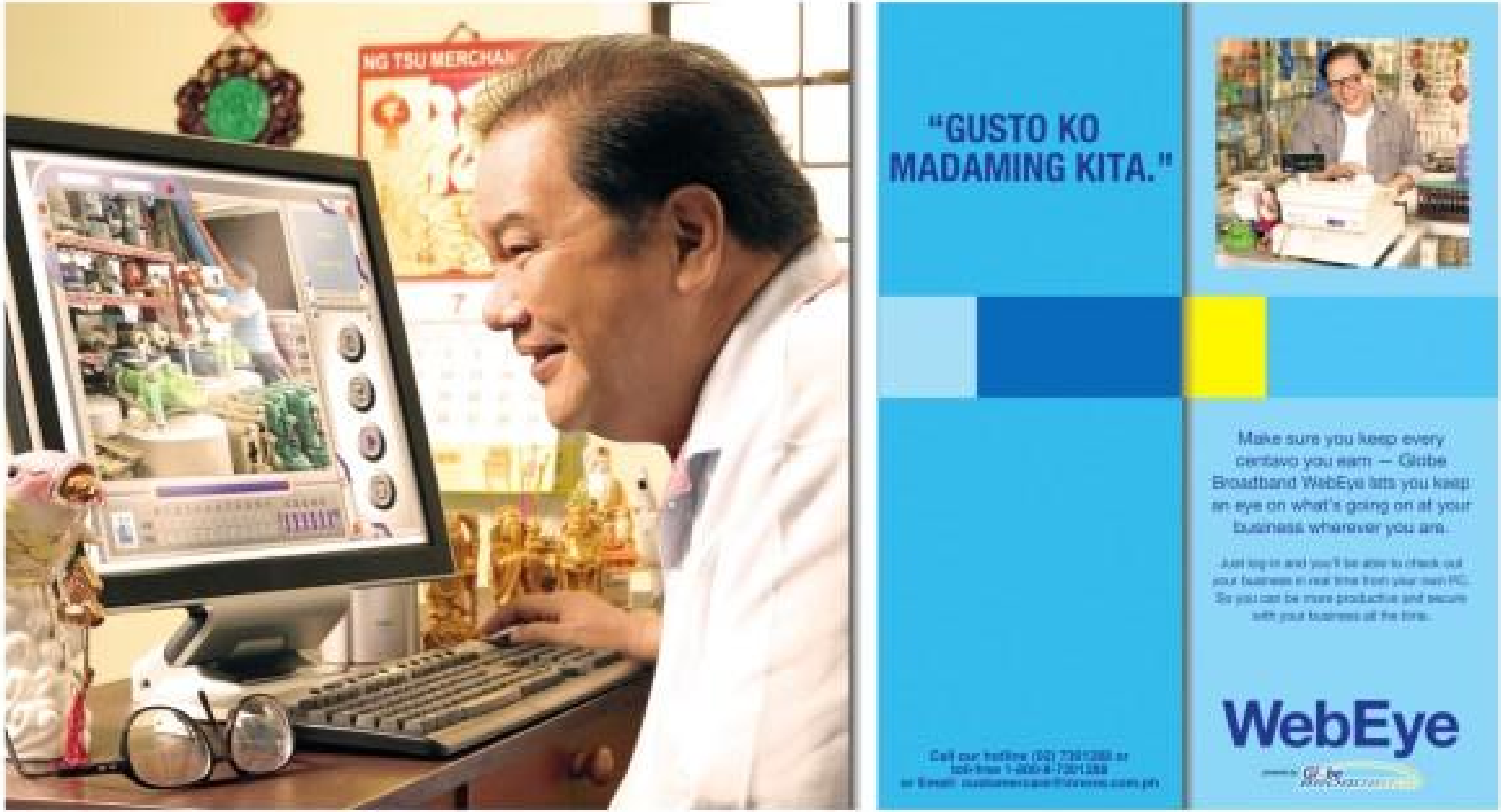
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# Before you photocopy that book. . .

## RP on watchlist as losses to book piracy in country reach P2 billion annually

ON A TYPICAL CAMPUS, there is one place that never lacks for business: Photocopying stations. With the reams of reading materials assigned each semester, the photocopier is a godsend to students who reproduce anything from a few pages to whole books on a daily basis, unknowingly committing copyright infringements and perpetuating the growing scourge of the book publishing industry: Book piracy.

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MEDICAL textbooks are the most pirated volumes.

# Dried fish industry can sink or swim

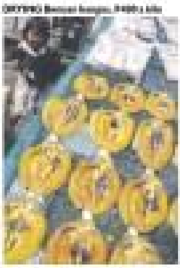




By Peter La. Julian
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAMORTIS, STO. TOMAS, La Union—When Merla Quismondo, 36, came here in 2000, it was to start her daing (sun-dried fish) business. She brought with her P1,200 as seed capital.

### Biggest fish dealer





### Problems



# Heirloom recipés find way to mall



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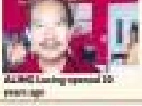
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# DOT turns office into showcase

# Before you photocopy that book. . .



### Long road ahead

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## Out-of-box thinking vs out-of-box crafting

By Mercy Gallardo



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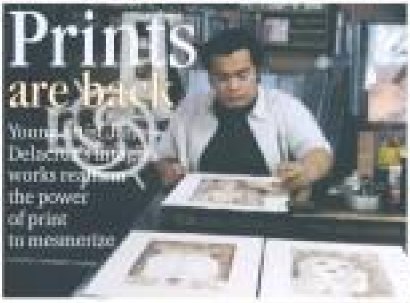
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# Prints are back

Young Delacruz's works reclaim the power of print to mesmerize



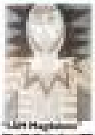
By Lito B. Zulueta

IT IS NOT AS IF THEY HAD been gone, but prints have lately been marking inroads and forays that should amount to a celebrated homecoming or a new spring.



"SWORDFIGHT at a Conscience"

## Bright promise







# The Philippines can learn from global charters on conservation

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon

THE PHILIPPINES CAN LEARN from the efforts of other cities and countries in the world to save their heritage by coming up with relevant and effective conservation charters.

The Washington Charter on the Conservation of Historic Towns and Urban Areas (1987) concerns historic urban areas of any size located in cities, towns or historic centers that illustrate traditional culture through its surviving architecture. The scope includes the sites surrounding natural and manmade environments alterable by modern threats.

The charter defines the principles, objectives and methods for conserving historic towns and urban areas. It promotes harmony of private and community life and encourages preservation of cultural properties, however modest in scale, that constitute the memory of mankind. It presents steps for conserving such towns and areas, suggesting that development harmoniously adapt the old with contemporary life.

The Washington Charter suggests that conservation should form part of economic and social development policies to ensure that the historic character of the town is preserved.

Methods to ensure preservation include retaining the street pattern and maintaining the original relationship between buildings and open spaces.

Existing heritage buildings should be preserved, keeping the same proportions, construction type and materials, colors and decoration as intended.

Most important, the charter calls for the participation of the local community to ensure the success of the conservation program, since the conservation of historic towns and urban areas pertains to concerns its residents.

The charter lists the steps to be taken in preparing and implementing a conservation plan, a multidisciplinary effort since conservation plans address all relevant factors including archeology, history, architecture, construction techniques, sociology, economics, legal and administrative.

Particularly significant to the Philippine penchant for pseudo-heritage architecture and for blending new with old in historic districts situation is the statement: "Introduction of contemporary elements in harmony with the surroundings should not be discouraged since such features can contribute to the enrichment of an area"—provided that old and new respect each other and are good architectural neighbors.

## Archeological charter

The Charter for the Protection and Management of the Archaeological Heritage of 1990 defines archeological heritage as the basic record of past human activities.

Some archeological heritage are components of architectural structures and, therefore, must be protected in accordance with the criteria in the 1966 Venice Charter.

Other elements of archeological heritage are part of the living traditions of indigenous peoples. Participation of local cultural groups is essential for their protection and preservation.

The charter lays down principles regarding different aspects of archeological heritage management including responsibilities of public authorities and legislators, principles relating to the professional performance of the processes of inventorization, survey, excavation, documentation, research, maintenance, conservation, preservation, reconstruction, information, presentation, public access and use of the heritage, and the qualifications of professionals involved in the protection of the archeological heritage.

Next week, the series on the International Council of Monuments and Sites (Icomos) continues. Icomos information is at www.icomos.org. Icomos charters, resolutions, and declarations are at www.international.icomos.org/centre_documentation/chartes.htm. Heritage Conservation Society/Cultural Philippines at http://icomosphilippines.blogspot.com





"MISS Saigon"



"MOONRISE"



"FOR Sail"



"PATCH Adams"

# The beauty of steel

Mostly these are slender elegant shapes perfectly poised in the air

By Constantino C. Tejero

ONE OF THE MOST INGENIOUS artists hereabouts is Fern Jimenez. A champion of found sculpture inspired by Julio González and Picasso in their pioneering use of iron as medium, he has been hammering steel discards into graceful forms that work as visuals puns.

This artist has a rich lode of creativity energy and inspiration. Only three months since his previous exhibit and he was already presenting his latest output in "Sukat," recently at Mag:net Gallery at Agustin Building, 335 Katipunan Ave., Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

The prodigious energy can be gleaned from how much Jimenez works his art in various mediums and media as well. He is, in fact, not only a sculptor but a multimedia artist.

An alumnus of the UP Artists Circle, he was a regional finalist in the 1998 AII Association of the Philippines National Commercial Painting Competition.

He is also an award-winning TV director, animation artist and graphic designer, garnering the Best in Art Direction and Best in Animation awards for his productions at the 17th Philippine Advertising Congress.

## Natural shape and size

A Visual Communications graduate from the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, Jimenez demonstrates proficiency in visual communication by skillfully manipulating even the humblest objects such as discarded mechanical parts. Each artwork works as a metaphor that the common viewer can readily apprehend.

The artist says he spends long hours working on a piece, spontaneously welding on weekends only as he has a weekday job. He admits he picks up his ideas from movies, magazines, books and advertising, in which he is quite exposed, being manager of Optima Digital.

Of his medium and technique, he says: "As much as possible, I don't want to violate their natural shapes and sizes so I first saw them in the junk shops. Most of the time I just weld together several materials to come up with one piece. This is the beauty of steel or found sculpture: It's very similar to doing collages."

He has consistently worked in and experimented with steel for over 10 years, one can say he has already mastered the medium. Whereas before it took him months to come up with a collection, now he is mounting two exhibits in half a year.

## Verbal and visual grace

The artist's creativity and inspiration are obviously on display in the visual grace he can draw from scraps and in the graceful wit of the pieces' titles and allusions.

The punning, both visual and verbal, can be both literal and metaphorical—sometimes banal but humorous, often surprising. In "Apple of My Eye," parts of a car are welded to have been shaped and welded to look like the human eye, and a real apple is placed in the center for the pupil.

"Old Navy" alludes to that brand of clothing apparel, while "Duels" references those space shapes that appear in digital photography and video display.

"Sukat," of course, is shaped like a dog (from the colloquial saying *kalye*, or "stray dog"), while "Paadat" is on *lpinsang kalye*, or "stray cat").

A funny yet poignant piece that's also a sculpture commentary is "Miss Saigon," consisting of what looks like an antique warhead topped by a rusty steering wheel. This evokes the chopper on the rooftop toward the end of the Vietnam War, an iconic image appropriated by the musical "Miss Saigon."

(To push the punning further, we'd assume there's no more apt venue to showcase these metal pieces than Mag:net.)



"SCISSOR-HANDS"

## Earthbound yet flighty

The mass of rusty metal may look heavy, but these pieces' restricted grace and the color with their associations make them feel buoyant—as contradictory as any in David Smith's metal calligraphy and landscapes.

Take, for example, "Worm's Eye View," displayed in Jimenez's previous exhibit "My Garage" in Silver Gallery at SM Megamall. With its density and volume, the bent rod looks positively earthbound, as if about to dig down from its base. Yet with the title, and after a second look, it suddenly feels lightweight.

Mostly these are slender elegant shapes perfectly poised in the air, whether floating/rising or wind-hewed. Typical is "Sister Feather," like Brancusi's metal rendition of a bird about to take wing.

Often it is sheer ingenuity that makes the pieces seem lighter than they really are, as in the graceful vertical thrust and delicate construction of joined metal links in "Typhoon Bell" and "Audio Video Lock."

Sometimes a piece can appear random, such as "Wasp," in which metal plates seem to be haphazardly conjoined. Yet when one looks long and long, it slowly attains a beauty all its own.





"REFLECTIONS"



# Cusi's watercolors at Art Exchange



## Food and Nutrition Experts Reveal Truths About Carbs and Wheat

# Camille de la Rosa turns to abstracts



"ABSTRACT" 1



"NUDE Sketch" 2



"NUDE Sketch" 1

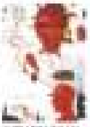


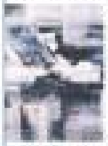
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## Visual Arts



### Quiranta at Boston





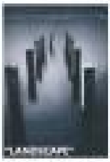


### Villareal at Finale

### De Guzman at Joaquin



### Larrios at One Workshop








# LIFESTYLE



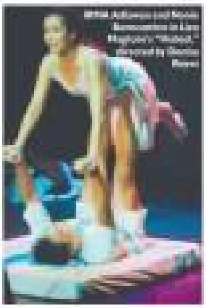


The untried, untested, unstaged plays of the recent Virgin Labfest 2 were also unsentimental and uninhibited



# Virginal, but also madcap and magical

By Gibbs Cadiz



### Bold reimagining

### Preachy, shopworn



### Perils of yearning

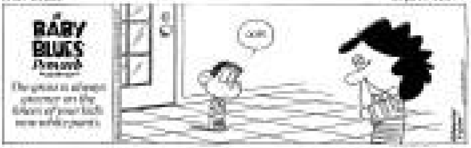
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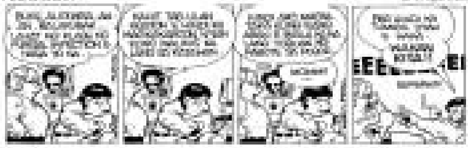
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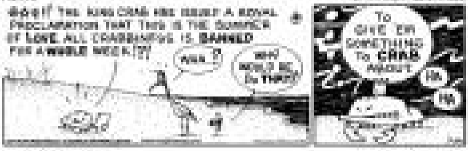
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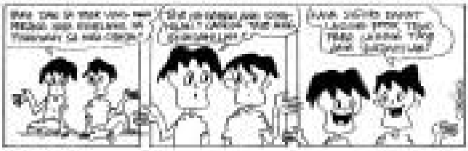

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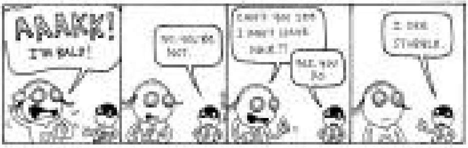
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LOVEKNOTS — BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



ATOMO AND WEBOY — BY LYRA GARCELLANO




DIVINE COMEDY — BY STEVEN PABALINAS



KIKO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA



BY JOMIKE TEJIDO



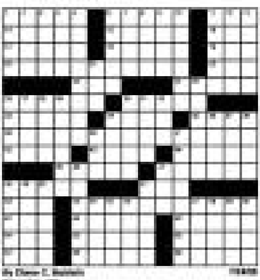
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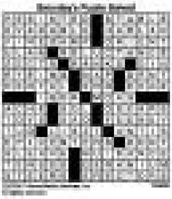
BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



## DAILY CROSSWORD



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



## HOROSCOPE

## CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

### HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

# Eugenia Apostol talk at Lopez Museum

RESPECTED JOURNALIST AND Inquirer founding publisher Eugenia "Eggie" Apostol will talk about her experience as the most influential newspaper publisher of the past three decades and a tireless advocate for press freedom on July 29, 2 p.m., at the Lopez Memorial Museum.

Apostol is one of the pioneers who wielded the power of print media and inspired women from all walks of life.

During the Marcos regime, she published reports that could not come out in the Marcos-controlled media by establishing the bestselling Mr. & Ms. Special Edition that printed uncensored follow-up stories on the 1983 Aquino assassination.

She founded the Inquirer in 1985. In 1999, in reaction to President Joseph Estrada's attempt to clamp down on the press, she put out Pinoy Times.

Apostol graduated magna cum laude with the degree Bachelor of Literature in Journalism from the University of Santo Tomas. She was the first recipient of the Gawad Plaridel for the media by the UP College of Mass Communication.

"WomanTalk with Apostol" complements the exhibition, "Bubble, Breathe, Breathing Pictures," which is ongoing until Sept. 23.

The lecture and a tour of the exhibition are included in the P100 fee.

The Lopez Memorial Museum is on the ground floor, Benpres Building, Exchange Road and Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

The museum is open, Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., except holidays. Call 6312417 or e-mail pezmuseum@skyinet.net.

# Festschrift to Cirilo Bautista

"BELIEVE AND BETRAY: New and Collected Essays by Cirilo F. Bautista" will be launched on July 29. The book is a festschrift edited by poet-teacher Marjorie Evasco in honor of Bautista as a poet, fictionist, essayist, critic, journalist, and public-affairs commentator.

Hosted by De La Salle University's Department of Literature, Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing Center, Linguistics Office, and DLSU Press, the launching will be held at the Maria Teresa Conservatory of DLSU-Manila, 10 a.m.



CIRILO Bautista

Bautista is author of several books, including "The Cave and Other Poems" (1968), "Charts" (poetry, 1973), "Sugat ng Salita" (poetry, 1990), "Sunlen" (1990), "Bennegard Breaking: New Collected Poems" (1992), "Kirot ng Kataga" (poetry, 1995), "Words and Battlefields: A Theory on the Poem" (1998), "The Trilogy of Saint Lazarus" (epic, 2001, comprising The Archipelago, Telex Moon, and Sunlight on Broken Stones), "Believe and Betray: The Poetry of Amado V. Hernandez" (2003), and "Galaw ng Asoge" (novel, 2004).

Bautista is a recipient of many awards and fellowships, including the Palanca Hall of Fame Award, Gawad Manuel L. Quezon, Gawad Balagtas, National Book Awards, Knight Commander of Rizal, Centennial Literary Award, Parangal Hanyuhay ng Buhay sa Kalinangan and Tanyag Gintong Antonio Villegas from the City of Manila, honorary fellowship in creative writing from the Iowa University of Iowa, visiting writer fellowship from Cambridge University in England, exchange professorship in Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, and exchange professorship in Ohio University in Ohio, USA.

Bautista is Professor Emeritus of Literature and University Fellow of DLSU-Manila. He is a member of the Manila Critics Circle, Philippine Writers Academy and Philippine Literary Arts Council.



# National Children's Book Day a blast

The National Library has opened a Children's section, the newest hub for reading and literacy

### Library hubs





## Postcolonial lecture in UST

# Virginal, but also madcap and magical

### Pronounced humanism

